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**John Arntz**  
**Director**

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Lowell Finley  
Deputy Secretary of State  
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**DELIVERED VIA FAX AND U.S. MAIL**

Dear Mr. Finley:

The San Francisco Department of Elections today received Secretary Bowen's conditional certification of Sequoia Voting Systems new software and firmware: WinEDS 4.0. We are grateful for the Secretary's action to consider this conditional certification, and are especially appreciative of the time and energy the Secretary's office committed to reviewing and testing Sequoia's system.

Not included in the conditional certification are the Edge II touch screen equipment from Sequoia. Since early voting has begun in San Francisco, we request the Secretary's permission to use the Edge II machines with the WinEDS 4.0 platform as part of a blended system. This will allow San Francisco to meet federal requirements under the Help America Vote Act which mandates all polling sites provide accessible voting equipment for people with disabilities.

Of course, I will be glad to provide any additional information or answer any questions that you might have on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Arntz", written over the typed name.

John Arntz, Director